

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: OTTOBONI <i>et al.</i>	Docket No: 375430-002T1D1C1 (355479)
Serial No.: 10/690,045	Confirmation No.: 3501
Filed: October 20, 2003	Group Art Unit: 1617
For: MICROPARTICLES USEFUL AS ULTRASONIC CONTRAST AGENTS AND FOR DELIVERY OF DRUGS INTO THE BLOODSTREAM	Examiner: Umamaheswari RAMACHANDRAN

RESPONSE AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants have considered the final Office Action mailed August 27, 2007 in the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is requested. Accompany this response are:

a Petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) extending the period for response by three months, to and including February 27, 2008,

a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, and

a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

Amendments of the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 5 of this paper.